

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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We Honor Jesus When we Obey Him and Honor His Church !

People are Still Receiving the Holy Ghost and Talking in Other Tongues!

THE CHURCH OF GOD

Instituted by Our Lord For The Benefit of His People.

BE OBEDIENT TO HIM IN ALL THINGS.

The message is a simple one, but it must be told. Jesus commissioned His followers to tell it and tell it everywhere. At Jerusalem, He said, it must begin, then in Judea, also over in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Wherever there is a human being, the simple message must be told.

The great and ever to be revered Apostle Paul was somewhat fearful that there would come a time when an influence would carry the message away from its simplicity so He left on record a special warning concerning this very thing. "But I fear," says Paul, "lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (2 cor. 11:3)

All the way through the New Testament Scriptures runs a silken cord of exhortation calling to humility. "Be not high minded, but fear," wrote Paul to the Romans. "Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate." "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."—Jesus. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord."—James. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God."—Peter.

There is every facility necessary to the promulgation of the simple story. There are the railroads, the airships, the ocean liners, the automobiles for travel. There are the freight, the express, the mail accommodations. There are the preachers, the singers, the printing presses, the telephone, the telegraph and the wireless. All of these facilities may be used to herald the simple message that was given for this world by heaven's King.

The Church of God was instituted by our Lord for the benefit of His people. It is of His own construction, and who could say He could not make the very best place in the universe for his own people? Would He make something shoddy and cheap? Would He put His own people off with an inferior institution when He was able to prepare the very best? He made the world with its fertile soil, beautiful landscapes, flowing streams, refreshing springs and fountains. If He could do all this of course He could make the very best place for His people, and would do it.

We do not hesitate, then, to insist that the Church—His very own institution—is the very best on earth. He not only instituted it, but named it as well. We do not name it any more than Zacharias named his son. He said, "His name is John." He was already named. So the Church is already named. We

only recognize the name He gave it.

It was for His Church that Jesus gave Himself. It was His Church that He loved so well. It will be His Church He will present to Himself without spot or wrinkle. It is His Church that is subject to Him in everything. I do not know of any other institution that is honored so greatly. There is no other that He gave Himself for. No other that is worth so much. No other that He will present to Himself.

Some talk of an "invisible" Church, but I wonder how an "invisible" something can be cleansed until it is without spot or wrinkle. (Eph. 5: 26, 27.) I wonder how an "invisible" something could be unclean so it would need cleansing. I wonder how an "invisible" something can take the Lord's Supper as commanded by Jesus and Paul. And it was to the Church of God at Corinth that Paul said, Show the Lord's death till Jesus comes back again. I wonder how Paul expected an "invisible" something over at Corinth to read his letters that he wrote to the Church of God at Corinth. I wonder what an "invisible" something would need as much instruction as Paul gave the Church of God at Corinth. I wonder why Paul would write to an "invisible" something and say, "There are contentions among you," and that one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ." And Paul wrote all of this to the Church of God at Corinth. (1 Cor. 1: 2.)

There is another strange thing to me about this "invisible" something that people call the "invisible church." Jesus gives instructions about dealing with one that has trespassed against another. After every effort according to the directions has failed, then the matter is to be told to the Church. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be as thou art." I wonder how this "invisible" something is going to hear and deal with such a case as this.

It was to the Church the Lord added the people immediately after the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. And they were added daily. I suppose some were added every day for several days. There were some members, then more were added and thus the membership increased. (Acts 2:47.) There was still an increase at a much later period.

When certain decrees were made by the Apostles and elders at Jerusalem and they were delivered by Paul and Silas "so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily. (Acts. 16: 5.) I wonder if some one is going to say that these churches were an "invisible" something. They were established in the faith. According to the "invisible" theory the "invisibles" were established in the faith. Is that correct? And, too, according to the "invisible" theory the "invisibles" were increased in number daily. Can such an "invisible" theory be correct? Will it stand the test of Scripture?

I notice that Paul gave some particular instructions to the Church of God at Corinth concerning tongues and prophesying. He says, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself." (1 Cor. 14: 4.) What is that? What does Paul mean by saying one "edifieth himself." Webster defines edify thus: "To build up or strengthen." That is all right. And many of us know what it is to be built up and strengthened by speaking in tongues. But what does prophesying do? How redest thou? Let Paul answer: "He that prophesieth edifieth the Church." (1 Cor. 14: 4.) Now according to the "invisible church" theory, prophesying edifies some "invisible" something. That is, prophesying builds up and strengthens some "invisible something." Does that kind of doctrine seem good to you?

Well, suppose we look a little further into this subject as long as we are in it. Paul says, "I would that ye all spake with tongues." What for? He has just said that this exercise builds up and strengthens the person that talks in tongues. But listen, Paul continues, but I would "rather that ye prophesied." Why is this? "That the church may receive edifying." Now according to the "invisible church" theory, it is more important for the "invisible" something to be built up and strengthened than for a man or woman that has to meet the temptations and trials of life. Surely, surely Paul does not mean that an "invisible" something needs to be built up and strengthened in preference to men and women that Christ died to save. How can such a thing be?

Continue the subject further. Paul writes, "And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Eph. 4:11,17) Now please watch carefully and get the connection. It has to be admitted that the body of Christ that is to be edified is the Church. Why do I say this? I will show you. Turn with me to the first chapter of the same book and the last verses and read: "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body." This is one Scripture. Look at another. "And he is the head of the body, the church." (Col.

1:18.) This is the second Scripture. But look at another. "In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." (Matt. 18: 16.) "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church." (Col. 1: 24.)

Now, since it is so clearly proved that the body of Christ that is to be edified—built up and strengthened is the Church, then according to the "invisible" theory there are to be postles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to build up and strengthen an "invisible" something.

I am sure by this time that all honest, unprejudiced minds can see the fallacy and absurdity of the "invisible church" theory. But this is not all. Now as we read keep in mind that the body of Christ is the Church, and that the Church is the body of Christ. Now read: "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body (Church) fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body (Church) unto the edifying of itself in love." (Eph. 4: 15, 16.)

Now notice carefully please. First, if the Church is an "invisible" something then it will have to be admitted that the whole "invisible" something is "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part" of the "invisible" something. And let us read on with the same thought before us. "Maketh increase of the (invisible) body unto the edifying (building up and strengthening) of itself in love." The "invisible" something "building up" (R. V.) of itself in love. Now if it is an "invisible" something that is going to build itself up in love, what have tangible beings got to do with it? And how are human beings going to be added to an "invisible" something? And what is the use of us having anything to do with it?

There is one other thing to which I wish to call attention. Paul wrote to the Church of God at Corinth. Then he wrote to an "invisible" something, did he? Now here is a job for you or some body. Paul says to that "invisible" (?) something "Even so ye." He calls the "invisible" something, "ye," if he is writing to that "invisible" something. But let us see what he says. "For as much as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the Church." If the church is "invisible" then the invisible "ye" to whom he is writing is zealous of spiritual gifts and also the invisible "ye" are to seek to excel to the building up of the "invisible church." Now, I wonder what has become of the "invisible" theory. I leave you to judge.

But now, let us say goodbye to

the invisible theory and talk about something we can understand. We are sure that Paul was writing to the Church of God at Corinth, in which were men and women—tangible beings, and without these tangible beings there is no Church for Paul would not have spent his time and energy in writing to some "invisible" something, and you know this as well as I do.

But listen! We are zealous of spiritual gifts, are we not? All right; then why not heed his command that follows? "Seek that ye may excel to the edifying (building up and strengthening) of the Church." (1 Cor. 14:12.) This certainly means for me to try to surpass you in building up the Church. It means for you to try to surpass me in building up the Church. Try to out do one another in building up the Church. I do not know how to build up an "invisible" something, do you?

I have been strongly criticised by outsiders for being so strong for the Church, but many others are strong and Paul teaches me to try to do more work in the building of it than others. Can you object now since you see Paul says "seek to excel" in this thing?

How am I to build it up? How do carpenters build a house? They do it by adding more timbers. That is clear and no one will dare dispute it. They keep on adding and adding until they get a large house very often. Now listen close again. Paul tells us to seek to excel in building up the Church. You work hard at it and I work a little harder at it if I can and do more of it than you do if I can and then you see I am about to out do you and you buckle up your loins and strike into it a little harder and try to do more than I do. Remember that the carpenter builds by adding. The book says the Lord added the people to the Church daily, along as they were saved. So the book also says that Jesus baptized at a certain place, but yet He did not do the baptizing, His disciples did it. This is like a certain man builds a house, but yet he does not build the house, the carpenter builds the house. The man does it by having others to do it. Jesus baptized by having others to do it. (John 4:1,2.) And this same analogy can just as well apply in adding to the Church. The Lord added to the Church. And since it has been discovered that Paul tells us to excel in building up the Church, and we know that carpenters build up by adding to, it is certainly not forcing Scripture to conclude that the Lord adds people to His Church by using His followers, like the disciples baptized for Him.

Many other Scriptures could be presented to prove this analogy, but we will not add any more as it is late enough for this service to close. It is now one thirty in the morning and this is late enough to keep you up. But I wish to say this, I expect to be stronger for the Church of God in its visible form than ever, for Paul tells me to seek to excel in building it up

and I feel that I must obey that saint of God whose spirit seems to possess me at times. You need not look for me to quail, weaken or compromise. Every wind that blows helps me to get rooted deeper.

The Church of God instituted by our Lord for the benefit of His people is obedient to Him in all things, and shall shine forth its beautiful brilliant rays into every corner of the earth. Hallelujah!

TESTIMONY TO THE TRUTH.

O W. Alexander.

"To this end came I into the world, that I should testify to the truth."—John 18: 37.

Few ideas are more important to a man than his own conception of his own mission to the world. If this is clearly defined or vigorously held, the energy of the man will be expended toward a definite end; if there is no clear or definite idea of his mission or purpose, the life will probably be carried along on the stream, following the line of least resistance, or become a series of efforts, first in one direction and then in another. Continuity of effort, persistence in a certain line of activity is scarcely without a single definite controlling purpose.

In the text we get a glimpse of the clearness of Christ's conception of His mission to the world. "To this end have I been born, and for this cause have I come into the world that I should testify to the truth." He is now before Pilate and nearing the end of His earthly life. The unity of His life, we see as we study it, is the following out to the minutest detail the principle which He says has been and is His controlling purpose—to testify to the truth. In the events which are to follow Jesus is true to the conception of His mission, even though His persistence in bearing witness to the truth leads Him to the ignominious death upon the cross. Fidelity to His mission He carried to the extent of yielding up His own life rather than cease to bear witness to the truth.

My theme is testimony to the truth; the need of this testimony, the obligation of those who know the truth, to bear witness to it, and the results which come from lives which are testimonials to the truth. The wants of the world are not always its needs, and not infrequently we are unconscious of our deepest needs. So complex is life, so easily dimmed is our vision, so apt is our judgment to be influenced by our testimony rather than by our permanent interests, that our sense of relative values becomes at times hopelessly confused.

In the time of Jesus He saw illustration of this all about Him. The same thing was true in the time of the prophets. They were raised up to bear witness to a certain phase of truth: Jesus came to testify to the truth. The idea of religion held by the scribes and Pharisees was that it consisted in the

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 in the interest of the Church of God."

Home mission day comes on
 Sunday August 10th.

There is plenty of work to do
 for the Lord in these days. No
 one should be idle.

Albert S. Coans, 409 Clay St.,
 Martinsville, Va. wants Temper-
 ance and pure gospel literature.

Baptized with the Holy Ghost,
 filled with the Holy Ghost, the
 gift of the Holy Ghost, are all
 one.

The tremendous pressure of
 Satan is causing many to
 weaken and fall but they are
 not all falling. Thousands are
 standing true to God and His
 Word.

Wm. R. Franks of Cooper
 Town, Abaco, Bahamas wants to
 say through the Evangel that he
 appreciates the reporting and fi-
 nancial system very much.

These are perilous times and
 no one can tell what will come
 next, but the faithful in Christ
 Jesus will stand in the midst of
 the hardest trials and under the
 greatest persecutions.

We had a break-down in the
 office last week which prevented
 us getting off about three thou-
 sand papers on time. We are
 very sorry to have disappointed
 some of our subscribers, but it
 could not be avoided.

Hope the Arkansas people will
 avail themselves of the benefits
 to be derived from their state
 Meeting, that is announced for
 the ninth of August at Haynes,
 Arkansas. See notice in another
 column.

Remember this is the time of
 year to use the gospel fans.
 Many are ordering and using
 them, and they seem to be great-
 ly appreciated by all. 35c per
 doz. \$2.25 per hundred. Special
 prices in larger quantities.

Work for the Evangel! Many
 are doing this and happy in the
 service. They love the little
 white-winged messenger be-
 cause it is soul food for them,
 and they want others to have
 their souls fed too. We greatly
 appreciate the loving coopera-
 tion of our friends and we
 kindly ask others to join us in
 this special work and run the

subscription list up to the twen-
 ty thousand mark. Send for
 rolls and circulate them in meet-
 ings and everywhere. Put the
 message in thousands of new
 homes.

Advice to Girls, Brother Lem-
 on's new book, 25c per copy,
 \$2.00 per doz. \$15.00 per hund-
 red. These are ready sale. Place
 an order for a supply and sell
 them everywhere. One brother
 sold ten in thirty minutes. He
 quit his job, ordered a supply
 and is now engaged in selling
 the book as a means of liveli-
 hood.

Please remember that all let-
 ters that have no names signed
 to them are consigned to the
 waste basket. If you are ashamed
 of your letter so you do not
 want to acknowledge it as yours
 why should you expect me to
 honor it? I do not object to us-
 ing articles or testimonials, or
 reports in the paper when the
 writer requests their names
 withheld for some good reason,
 but when no name is given at
 all we cannot use them.

Somerset, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
 Dear Saints—Greetings in
 Jesus' Name:

We are thanking God for
 sending the home mission-
 workers to us. They helped us
 in the main struggle for victory
 at this place.

Although the enemy's forces
 are strong against the truth, we
 feel they are slowly but truly
 giving back. Some of our own
 are getting back to the "old
 path," and are renewing their
 courage for the great battle.
 One followed the Lord in water
 baptism and four were added to
 the Church of God. All the
 saints were refreshed by the
 heavenly shower. We ask your
 prayers for Somerset, that God
 will send to us that white-headed
 love, that will melt together the
 iron, the clay and the tin, and
 run the gold out of the dross un-
 til it will shine and reflect the im-
 age of our Christ—the Church—
 which is His body. I praise God,
 that this is not a dream of God,
 but is the real truth, which
 glows with unfailing beauty in
 heavenly hues to the eyes that
 are filled with God. We see the
 Church as she marches back to
 Eden, where she can enjoy the
 heavenly breezes, look on the
 flowers and eat of the fruits
 that grow by the river of life.
 Where dappled fawn play on
 banks of verdure and leopards
 are peaceful and tamed. Back
 to where "Our Father" longs to
 welcome us "The sons of God,"
 to the mansions of rest prepared
 for the weary, where there are
 no pilgrims or strangers; But,
 where all is peace, love and joy
 unspeakable, where the air is
 alive with the praises of our God
 and aloft with the palms of
 victory. O, Glory, Brothers, We
 are in the thing as sure as you
 live. We are the "roses" that
 shall unfold our petals to beauti-
 fy the coronation of "our King".
 For it is said "He is the rose of
 Sharon," and when He shall ap-
 pear we shall be like Him. Then
 let us cheer up, for our suffer-
 ings here are not to be com-
 pared with the glory that awaits
 us, or what pleasure we even en-
 joy here.

O, Savior, precious Savior, mine,
 What will Thy presence be?
 If such a life of joy can crown,
 Our walk on earth with thee.

Your Brother in Christ,
 Z. D. Wallace.

Friendsville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
 All the Dear Saints—Greet-
 ings in Jesus' Precious Name:
 I just want to praise the sweet
 name of Jesus for being so good
 to me. He saved me from sin,
 sanctified and washed me in
 that precious blood that was
 shed on Calvary and baptized

me with the Holy Ghost. I can
 not praise the Lord enough for
 this humble way. I desire your
 prayers that I might live hum-
 ble, down at the foot of the
 cross, so that God can get glory
 out of my life.

Your sister under the blood,
 Maggie Hoffman.

Equality Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
 All the saints—Greetings:
 I wish to praise God through
 the paper, that has been so
 much help to me. Glory to God,
 for His mercy and love. It is so
 sweet to trust our lives into His
 dear hands, that we may have
 "abiding peace." We are accus-
 ed of being "too noisy." But we
 hear our God telling His people
 to shout with a great shout, that
 the walls of Jericho might fall.
 Now, if they shout for victory,
 might we not be allowed to do
 the same. And of course the
 greater the victory the louder
 the shout.

Praise the dear name of Je-
 sus. The way grows sweeter all
 the time. I feel the dear Lord
 calling me out in his work, but
 my husband is not saved and
 that makes it hard for me. Pray
 for me and my family.

Your sister in Christ,
 A. P. Trusty.

THE GOSPEL ON WINGS

L. A. Poland.

Rev. 14: 6, 7. This heavenly
 messenger that was seen flying,
 had a most precious and mighty
 message from God to the whole
 earth. In these last days, it looks
 as if this prophecy has been ful-
 filled. And every one who has a
 hand in scattering the message,
 putting it on wings as it were,
 may rejoice in the fact that he
 is helping to fulfill what John
 saw on the Isle of Patmos.
 Hallelujah!

Our "Church of God Evangel"
 has been flying with its glorious
 gospel message of salvation to a
 lost and sin cursed world for
 quite a number of days and
 with the help of God, selections
 of tracts and books and also
 the Evangel has made their
 way into dark parts and acted
 as a lamp to the blind. Praise
 His name!

It is certainly a blessed and
 beautiful thing to thus send
 forth the message, to be scatter-
 ed to the four winds by this
 Angel or Messenger John saw.
 Surely it was a glorious day
 when the first issue of our be-
 loved paper was sent forth in
 the name of the Lord. How we
 praise the Lord for it, and give
 Him all the glory for what has
 been accomplished in the earth
 through His truth. We can see
 much of it and that leads us to
 believe there is much we shall
 not see or know until the final
 day of reckoning and reward
 shall come.

In our school days from time
 to time we would have review
 in our lessons which was very
 helpful to us. So at times we be-
 lieve it is a great help and in-
 spiration to look back through
 the years and remember that all
 the way the Lord has led and
 helped us; it gives us a new
 impetus. We pray that from the
 present up to the very moment
 when the Lord descends from
 heaven for His people, our
 scattered saints, as well as all
 the people of the Lord, will be
 wonderfully girded for the
 battle, and be strong and do ex-
 ploits, and win great spoil for
 Jesus—gems that will some day
 shine forth as the sun in the
 kingdom of the Father.

In the days of the Apostles,
 the gospel could not fly as it can
 now, by means of steam, elec-
 tricity, the printing press, and
 hourly mails in many places.
 These remarkable privileges and
 opportunities might well be cal-
 led responsibilities, such as ought
 to make every one tremble who

are not improving them to the
 utmost for the salvation of
 never-dying souls. In the early
 days, money could not begin to
 accomplish what it can now in
 reaching the souls of men of
 every nation as it can today,
 so let us do everything in our
 power to win souls for Jesus.
 You may not feel like doing
 just as some do, but there are
 many ways in which we can
 send the message flying, if we
 will wait upon the Lord and do
 as He tells us. We should delight
 in this work, and then it would
 be easy for us to send the gos-
 pel on wings to the hearts of
 people. You can lend or give a
 way your back numbers of "The
 Church of God Evangel." Many
 have been reached in this way.

The words "wings" and "fly-
 ing" suggest speed. What we do
 we will have to do quickly. The
 Lord says He is coming quickly
 and we must move quickly
 if we are to gather a good har-
 vest of souls for heaven.

As important as it is to send
 out the gospel on wings, we
 must not forget that we too, are
 to have wings, but they are to be
 used in soaring upward into the
 heavens. Isaiah tells us that we
 are to mount up with wings as
 eagles. To do this, we must learn
 how to wait on the Lord. David
 excelled in this, and has more to
 say about it than anybody else
 in the Bible. Let us be like him
 and like Isaiah in this respect.
 Much zeal is manifested in some
 who do very little waiting upon
 God. Such people do not de-
 velop wings or mount up into
 the heavenly places in Christ.
 Hard work and drudgery need
 not prevent our having wings,
 for while the hands are very
 busy, the heart can soar far a-
 bove earthly things.

"Though ye have lien among
 the pots, yet shall ye be as the
 wings of a dove covered with
 silver, and her feathers with
 yellow gold." Ps. 68: 13.

Now is the time to develop
 our wings, our wedding attire,
 our garment of salvation, the
 fine linen which is the right-
 eousness of the saints. If we do
 this we will be ready for the
 Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Live Oak, Fla.

Brother Tomlinson, and Saints
 —Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I wish to send my testimony
 to the Evangel. I still have the
 victory over sin, though I live in
 a town of much wickedness.
 Glory to God! I am glad I can
 say I am His child altho' I am
 sixty eight years old. I intend to
 spend the remainder of my life
 in God's service. I am anxious
 for Jesus to come.

May God bless the Evangel
 family.

Your brother in Jesus,
 R. W. Price.

Wahalla, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—
 Greetings in His Dear Name:
 I want a small space in the
 Evangel to tell what the dear
 Lord has done for me. Thank
 God, He has saved, sanctified
 and filled me with the blessed
 Holy Ghost. My oldest son has
 also received the Holy Ghost,
 and my husband and oldest
 daughter are seekers. Please
 pray that they might receive the
 Baptism.

Your sister under the blood,
 Mary J. Nichols.

Pinders, Long Island,
Bahamas

Dear Beloved Saints:
 I want to thank God for sav-
 ing my soul from the paths of
 sin. The Comforter still abides. I
 feel more like pressing on than
 ever for I know victory is just
 ahead. The Lord is blessing
 wonderfully here. I desire your
 prayers that I might live true
 and be ready to go up when Je-
 sus comes.

Your sister under the Blood,
 A. S. Dorville.

A PLEDGE SIGNED BY ME

M. S. Lemons.

1. I will show respect to all
 and by so doing I will show the
 highest regards for myself
 while I am alone. I will try to
 act in such away as to not be
 ashamed of myself.

2. I will not be satisfied with
 my present experience, I will try
 to climb higher every day. I will
 set my affections on things
 above, hence I will lay aside all
 irascibility, all malice and strife. I
 will not get puffed up, but will
 try to keep up.

3. I will watch my thoughts,
 realizing that "Thoughts are
 things," as they make and un-
 make men, they underlie failure
 or success. "If there be any vir-
 tue, and if there be any praise,
 think on these things." Like as I
 refuse unclean things for food,
 so I will think of things that
 will develop my mind.

4. I will be absolutely honest
 when dealing with friend or foe,
 in the dark as well as in the
 light, for I am at all times in the
 presence of my great Creator. I
 will look on ill-gotten gain as
 unholy things.

5. I will keep a clean body for
 it is the "temple of the Holy
 Ghost." I hope at all times to
 remember that I am in the
 presence of the Almighty God.
 His holy eye sees me and He
 knows my "thoughts afar off."
 Everything that I overcome
 gives me a higher and better
 standing in the sight of God and
 those with whom I come in con-
 tact. I will not abuse my body
 but will use my reserve powers
 to delve into the deeper things
 of God. I will keep my mind ex-
 ercised lest I become dilatory
 and careless.

6. I will endeavor to refresh
 my memory on the good things
 and give it all the new truths
 possible in order that my soul
 may delight itself in the things
 therefore I must keep bright and
 carried by the mind from day to
 day will generate new courage
 and unswerving perseverance.

7. I will conserve my enthu-
 siasm and not be very zealously
 affected unless it is always in a
 good thing. I will not be pes-
 simistic, and will avoid persons
 who wear a shadow or gloom. I
 recognize joy as one of the
 great blessings of God, it is my
 strength. No one cares to have
 gloomy people around them,
 therefore I must keep bright and
 happy. I will not worry or cross
 the bridge before I get to it.

8. I will put all of my energy
 into the thing that I know to be
 right. I will not argue with con-
 tentious persons. Yea, yea and
 nay, nay is all that God allows.
 I will not get mad or carry a
 grudge. What is the use? Life is
 too short. I am out to be happy
 and do good. God requires this
 of me.

9. "Words fitly spoken are like
 apples of gold in pictures of
 silver." I will bless and not curse.
 I will say complimentary things
 of people and to them, that I
 may have some good habits. No-
 thing is more pleasant than
 kind words. I will throw all of
 my disgusting thoughts and
 words into the waste basket.

10. I shall not be tempted a-
 bove that I am able to bear. I
 shall prevail. I am anchored in
 Jesus. If I cannot do the things
 I want to do I will do the best I
 can. I will put every ounce of my
 energy into the things that I
 know to be of God and at all
 times. I am working for a crown.
 I want to hear Him say "Well
 done."

11. I will talk about things of
 the Lord as of the Lord. God is
 my maker and not myself. I owe
 to Him all of my life, all that I
 am and all that I ever expect to
 be. My character will be fully
 known at the end of the way.

12. I am preparing an eternal
 record. I know God will give me
 all that I am due. I cannot re-

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gain lost time after it has slipped
 away from me here. All of my
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 ures for all eternity. When the
 curtain falls on my life I will
 have accomplished all that will
 ennoble me in the presence of
 God and the Lamb and of the
 Holy Angels forever and ever.
 Amen.

(Pledges have been signed and
 broken, but to sign a pledge for a
 good thing and keep it is always
 good. The Rechabites pledged them-
 selves to their father Jonadab that
 they would never drink wine, and the
 family kept their pledge for a thou-
 sand years, and God commended them
 for their steadfastness. (Jer. 35: 19).
 No doubt God will honor him that
 signs the above pledge and keeps it.—
 Ed.)

Atlanta, Ga.

To all the Dear Saints:

I want to praise and thank
 my blessed Savior this bright
 morning, for the blessed Com-
 forter that abides in my soul. I
 thank Him for the mighty heal-
 ing and keeping power. He heals
 me and my children when we
 get sick. I received the Holy
 Ghost six years ago and He is
 still sweet to my soul. I mean to
 go all the way, though the trials
 be hard. Please pray for me and
 my unsaved husband.

Your sister,
 Lizzie Blair.

Seneca, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
 Saints—Greetings to you:

I want to thank God, "Our
 Father" through our paper for
 salvation through the Precious
 Blood of the Lamb, still saved,
 sanctified and baptized with
 the Holy Ghost. Dear saints,
 lets keep true, lets keep "prayed
 up," lets keep humble and keep
 our eyes off of the things of this
 world as Satan will show us
 many things to get our mind off
 of our God. But let us keep our
 mind stayed on God that we
 might be pleasing in His sight,
 and not be "over thrown" as
 were those in the wilderness, for
 the Word says these were ex-
 amples for us.

Now let us walk as becometh
 Saints of God knowing that He
 will gladly supply our need. Let
 him that thinketh he standeth
 take heed lest he fall. Pray for
 me, Saints, I am trying to con-
 tinue to stand with a "God bless
 you" and love to you all. Your
 sister striving to enter in at the
 strait gate.

Ada Rhodes.

Morristown, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and

All the Dear saints—Greet-
 ings in Jesus' Precious Name:
 My soul over flows with praise
 as I think of God's goodness. I
 can never praise my blessed Sav-
 ior enough. I received the Holy
 Ghost about three years ago.
 Since that time I have trusted
 God for both soul and body. I
 thank God for all He has done
 for us at this place, for we have
 had some hard times, but we
 find "His grace is sufficient."

We would be glad to have a
 regular preacher here, we have
 a nice place to worship.

Pray for me. Your sister in
 Christ,
 Mary Mc Kinney.

THE CHURCH OF GOD

If everybody would read the Scriptures on the church question, and quit trying to harmonize their own ideas and creeds with the Bible, (which they can do only by perverting the Bible) they would see a beautiful Church with Jesus as the Head, and all the government, offices and officers in perfect working order, and the signs following just like Jesus said they would do.

The trouble with people of today is that they are trying to have their own way about things. Jesus said, "I will build my church." Matt. 16:18. Man had nothing to do with fixing the offices, the government or the officers. God set them in the body as it pleased Him. See 1 Cor. 12. God said through the prophet Isaiah "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." No we could not expect God to go by human plans. They have all failed in the past and have fallen far beneath God's standard and so they are failing now; and those who are leaving God's ways and resorting to man-made plans are not having the revivals that the Church of God people are having. Now we are willing to take off our hats to those who are having greater success than we are.

In Isaiah 9:6, 7, we find a most wonderful description of God's divine government. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: *** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, *** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Do you get the lesson? The government shall be upon His shoulder. The shoulders belong to the body, and the body is the church (see Eph. 1:22, 23) and Jesus is the great Head.

When we have a great burden to bear we always put it upon the shoulders, then we have the body bearing the burden and the head giving the directions where to go, how fast to go, and where to stop, etc. The body must be subject to the head. Thank God, our great Head has told the body, His people, what to do and we just go on and do that no matter what the other fellow thinks about it. We have our General Overseer, State Overseers, Bishops, Deacons and Evangelists and they are all subject to one another. That does not mean that we will submit to just anything, but that which is according to the will of the Lord.

We who form the body are to bear the burden. We are not to give any instructions, that is not our job; in fact the instructions have already been given, but Jesus has committed the reins of His great government into our hands, because the government is in the body, having been set there by God Himself. We form the body, then we are to have the reins of the government. How do I know? Heb. 13:17. "Obey them that have the rule over you, *** for they watch for your souls as they that must give account." Now that is not God, Jesus Christ or the Holy Ghost for they will not have to give an account for us. Then when we lift up the standard of God's great Church, and say "you will have to come, God's way or we will put you out from among us," some call us "bosses."

Any one who rejects the writer of Hebrews and fails to obey

those that have rule over them, they are not Church of God material any way, no matter how loud they shout, or how much salvation they profess to have. No one can oppose government and be very spiritual. We are living in a time when there are so many false ideas, creeds and isms that we will have to come before God with an humble heart, and ask Him to shed forth the light of the Holy Ghost on His great Church until we shall see "eye to eye." When we get to this place, false ideas will be given up.

Matt. 18:15-17. "If he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church." We have Christ's own language telling us how to deal with one who trespasses against us. Now if everybody that has salvation is a member of God's Church, then tell me which one of these sects must we tell this brother's fault too? Why didn't Jesus specify which church to tell it too? Or why didn't He say to tell it to all of these different creeds or sects, and let them all hear him, and hear it in a different way? This is just as false as it can possibly be. This is as false as anything Satan ever got up. It came from under the old nest egg from the mud-sill of perdition. It was set on and hatched out and shipped out and is unloaded at every station in life from the cradle to the grave.

Then some say the church is in Heaven. If so, then this brother who is to have his fault told unto the church, together with them that is to try him would have to be translated up to heaven in order for his case to be heard. Let us hear Saint Paul on this subject. Eph. 3:14-15. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." That proves that there is a family here on earth and that it is named after God.

The Church of God is God's name-sake, and for me to hold myself aloof from God's Church and say that no one has the rule over me would mean that I had ignored the writer of Hebrews 13:17.

Some seem to think the present system of reporting to headquarters is out of harmony with the Scriptures. I am not only well pleased with it but think it to be in perfect harmony with the Bible. Paul wanted the folks to know his affairs. Eph. 6:18-22. He even sent Tychicus that they might know his affairs. Did not the seventy report to Jesus? Then He asked them, "Lacked ye anything?" If we did not step out and take hold of the reins of government and see that the full standard is proclaimed (and to proclaim the full standard is to lay much stress on the government) we would have in a very short time nothing but a chaos. As far as real government is concerned. Some would want to teach one way and some another. Paul said that an angel would be cursed if he should come and preach any other doctrine than he himself had preached. Some would preach to never marry, while some would preach to marry, as many times as you choose. We would have nothing more than the wild to stand upon, and just which ever way the wind blew, that would be the way we would go, and this will not suffice for God's great Church.

We admit that God has in time past wonderfully blessed the Pentecostal people, and He will continue to bless them if they will walk in the light. The light has come on God's great

Church and it is high time for them to walk into the Church, and take a bold stand for God's Church and her government. Some are doing this while some are holding themselves aloof and as a result they are all divided and torn up. Some teaching this, and some teaching that, but Paul said speak the same thing, and we Church of God people are doing that, and if we follow St. Paul we will make no mistakes.

When we resort to human plans and leave out God's plan than we fail no matter how God has been blessing us in the past. In spite of the storms of persecutions and criticism that the enemy is hurling at us, the Church of God continues to prosper just like Isaiah said it would: "Exalted Above the hills, and all the nations shall flow unto it." Yes, it is far above all the other organizations of the land and country, and as they raise their shouts of opposition she rises like the old eagle does; when she sees a cloud arising, when the sky is black with clouds, the old eagle soars and soars until she is far above all.

The Church of God people are happy while the other folks growl and criticize. Her members are sleek, fat Christians, while the others are spiritual weaklings. We are the very cream of the Bible, while the others are loaded down to water line with "blue john" and "clabber." I am not going to take "blue john" or "clabber" when I can get "cream" at the same price. It makes no difference for folks if they do have to eat clabber and rattle their brass spoon when they oppose the right thing and will not submit to those who have the rule over them. We have the right thing, Hallelujah!

"We are so settled on the Church question, that no one who puns out from us need send their dope to us for we are going through with our great King in spite of the big guns the devil is shooting. He shoots a big gun but always a blank shell. Amen."

It may be that we have too many of the wrong kind of folks now in the Church. If so the sitting time is coming sometime, and we need not be surprised if we are as bad in the minority as General Gideon was. Out of that vast multitude who claimed to be bold they only had three hundred left who could stand God's test. No matter what the people say, no matter what the ones who pull out from us say, we are going to stand by our great Captain just that much stronger. John said that if they had been of us, they no doubt would have continued with us. I write this with a heart full of love and sympathy. I have seen so much of this business that I feel constrained to cry out by way of warning to others. We can only throw a red lantern across their path and then if they go on and sink in the mire, then we will be free from their blood.

When you leave the Church of God, where will you go? If you go to the Pentecostal people you will find the worst kind of division. If you go to the other churches you will soon be as dry as they are.

Some say we are divided on the marriage question, but listen we do not give credentials to any one having two or more living companions. If we were divided like some say we are, some of our rulers would give credentials to those who have two or more living companions, while some of our rulers would give only to those who have one

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living companion. Thank God, we are settled on the latter.

If the people will just watch the Church of God, in a short time they will see a beautiful Church with all the gifts of Apostolic times. You will find us back to Pentecost with some one like Peter preaching and three thousand souls being converted under one sermon. The God that lived at Pentecost is just the same today.

If you will become humble at Jesus' feet and watch and pray you will hear with your spiritual ear the sweetest voice that man hath ever heard, and that will be the voice of Jesus calling you to come to "Zion." He said, "My sheep hear my voice." Beloved let us rally to our great King. It will not do to give away in the least. We will be obedient to our General Overseer and State Overseer and in the ages to come we will have more to shout over than any former generation has ever had.

Let us show ourselves to be men. We shall see our great King coming in the clouds with power and great glory and then the ones who have rebelled will always regret it. Then as victory perches upon our brows we can shout till all Heaven will ring with the glad echoes of our triumphant army.

Even so come Lord Jesus and break the grip of the devil and give us a glorious thousand years of peace with old Satan bound. To our omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient King be glory throughout the Church of the living God, world without end. Amen.

Gastonia, N. C.
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I am praising God for victory at this place. We have just closed a two months tent meeting in which Rev. F. W. Gammon, Sister Sallie O. Lee and Brother C. C. Walker assisted. The Lord was with us from the beginning with great power and glory. At the close of the meeting our report showed seventy

three professions: Thirty-four being saved from sin, twenty were sanctified, seventeen received the Holy Ghost, twenty-nine added to the church and ten were baptized in water.

We preached the signs, and they followed us, even to the "shall take up serpents." The boys brought us a copper head snake and it was handled with success. God wonderfully honored His Word. About twenty-five of the Saints had the pleasure of handling this serpent without any hurt. God also manifested His power to heal. One lady that had rheumatism, and had not walked for eighteen months was carried to the altar for prayer, God healed her and she walked from the altar shouting and praising God. A little girl also, was healed of infantile paralysis.

I can truly say, I find Brother Gammon a man of God standing for the whole truth. Any one wishing a tent meeting will make no mistake in sending for him, his address is Box No. 61, Gastonia, N. C.

Your brother in Christ,
C. N. Guire.

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Fork, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings: I am praising Jesus this morning for the way He is working in East S. C. I have been here for quite a while and the out look was anything else but encouraging at first. Praise God, I just held on until God gave victory.

Now I can not fill the places that are open.

Dear saints, never get discouraged because you cannot see immediate results for your labor, just hold on. He is faithful that promised.

Brother W. H. Cross, State Overseer came here July 5th and set the church in order with five members, others will come in soon, we are expecting a meeting at this place and desire your prayers that God will get glory to Himself, and out of my life. Love to all the saints.

Your sister in Christ,
Mary D. McHargue.

Canton, N. C.
Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

As there has not been a testimony from here for awhile, I wish to say we are not backslidden but are still praising God for His power over sin. Of course because that "iniquity is abounding" the love of some are growing cold, but, we are trusting it all to Him who knows how to deal with each one. I am saved and sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. The Lord heals me when I get sick without any poison drugs, pills, powders or plasters.

I am a member of the Church of God, Hallelujah! I am called to work for the Master but I have to labor with my hands to straighten up old paths before I can go, so please pray for me.
Bartley Hicks

St. Catherine, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints:

I wish to praise God through the Evangel for what He has done for me. I am saved and sanctified. Never knew what true joy and contentment was until I was sanctified and found the Church of God, and am the true way. I am a member of the Church of God, and am longing and seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed wonderfully here while Brother R. P. Johnson and Brother and Sister E. W. Williams were with us. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,
Chas. H. Shaw

TESTIMONY TO THE TRUTH
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punctilious observance of certain rules and conduct. They had gradually built up a very complicated system, including rules and observances for many of the most trivial happenings of daily life. Of course there were those whose inner life developed, in spite of these external burdens, into true, tender, sympathetic, godly men and women. But the dominant tone in religion was not that of sincerity and true piety.

The need was imperative for a witness to the truth. Then, there was need for testimony concerning God. Many devout souls were yearning for a clearer conception of God. Many were satisfied with any conception of God which did not interfere with their selfish ambitions. God was, to many, a Being who could be satisfied with a few sacrifices; and the personal conduct of the individual was thought to be of little or no concern to God. The Jews held also a restricted conception of God's relations to the other nations. He was a God of the Jews in the sense that He was restricted to them.

Here was a need for a witness to the truth. Perhaps equally great was the need for testimony to the truth concerning the relations of man to God, and of man to his fellow-man. The views held were partial, distrusted, inadequate. As in all ages, before and since, men were seeking for place and position, simply as an end in itself. Life consisted in position, attainment, possession. Hope for the future was dim; solace for the weary, comfort for the broken-hearted, relief for those whose burden could scarcely be borne, the world was, and always is unconsciously seeking. O, the need of the HUMAN HEART IN ITS HOURS OF ISOLATION AND GRIEF! Concerning this needy world, stumbling after truth in the dark or in the dim twilight, Jesus says, "I came into this world that I should testify to the truth."

The obligation to bear witness to the truth was recognized and met. Having a conception of God which was needful for the people of God to have, it became morally impossible for Him not to give it to the world. Gathering a few men about Him, He began to teach them concerning God. Embodying His teaching in His own life and character, when one of His followers asked to be shown the Father, Jesus replied: "He who has seen me has seen the Father." By His life Jesus had made known the Father. He bore witness to the truth by living it. And what other way has God of making Himself known to men than through the lives of those who have had a revelation of God in their own souls? The obligation to bear witness to the truth is a fundamental principle in spiritual experience. God's purpose to bring the world to Himself, His desire

to make Himself known through His followers make it obligatory for us to testify to the truth or be RECRANT to a COMMANDING impulse of duty.

In proportion as we have the truth, the responsibility rests upon us to testify to it. In every age some men through the providence of God are called to proclaim the glad message of salvation to the people. The soul that has experienced the message is the only true interpreter of it. Jesus, living in such close fellowship with the Father, embodying in His own life and teachings to such a degree as no one else ever has, the truths that He taught became the authoritative religious teacher of humanity. The obligation rests upon each one of His followers to so embody the truth of the Gospel message, that the messenger shall be an epistle known and read of all men.

The Church exists in order to bear witness to the truth. But it can testify only to that which it has embodied or experienced. Has it experienced forgiveness of sins? The world is waiting on every hand for living witnesses to the fact of God's forgiveness of sin. For it expects that those who have been forgiven of God will be forgiving to their fellow-men. And is the world not right?

The love of God enters into the heart of the believer and becomes a priceless possession. But the worldly man knows nothing of a personal experience of the love of God. If he is ever to know it, if my experience is to become his, I must bear witness to the love of God by actions toward my fellow-men which show that love in ways which they can understand.

We have looked at the need of the testimony to the truth, which exists because so many persons are possessed with ideas that are not as worthy as those held by Christ and His followers; we have seen that the possession of the truth carries with it the obligation to testify to it or it becomes to us as though we did not have it; we have not to consider the results of testifying to the truth. This phase of our subject has a twofold aspect, the results accruing to the one who testifies, and the results of the testimony in the lives of others. In the beginning of His ministry Jesus adopted a plan which was constantly carried out in all His later activity. He conceived of His mission to the world as an opportunity to testify to the truth. The popular expectation for another kind of Messiah. Had He yielded to the popular demand and set up a temporary kingdom, all Judaism would have flocked to His standards. But His insight into the needs of the people detected a far profounder need than that of temporal supremacy; He saw man bound by external customs; saw devout men contending for the letter of observance, and neglecting the spirit; saw ceremonies substituted for inner righteousness; saw men divided

against each other and living for their own selfish interests. He saw also the yearning in many hearts which was not satisfied by any of these externals.

Christ's witness to the truth drew some to Him; it aroused bitter opposition of those whose religious ideas His principles tended to undermine. So deep-seated was the religious prejudice of the dominant religious factions of the Jews, that Jesus appeared to them as one worthy of death. He claimed to be King of the Jews, the Son of God. This was the height of blasphemy to them. In their indignation, their fury knew no bounds. Jesus had committed an offense worthy of death. This death could have been obviated had Jesus adopted a policy of compromise. This was not entertained a moment. He came to bear witness to the truth. He had taught the truth; He lived the truth and in so doing His life and teachings were a rebuke to His co-religionists. Only one of two things could be done; either they must accept His position, or condemn it and Him. His teaching was not in accord with their self-interests. It was much easier to reject and condemn. The inherent self-interest of the religious leaders arrayed itself solidly against the man whose teaching would undermine their exalted positions. Jesus, being what He was, a faithful witness to the realities of life, and witness both in teaching and in His character; and men being what they were, the results could have but one outcome. Though the death on the cross loomed before Jesus, yet He did not swerve from the path which He had adopted—His life was a testimony to the truth. This testimony so aroused the bigotry of the religious leaders, that Jesus paid for His fidelity by yielding up His life. Jesus died because He was what He was and because man was what he was.

Christ's testimony to the truth was an example to His followers. In so far as we approach to the matchless perfection of our Savior, we are to yield our lives a witness to the truth. Instances are not wanting, indeed the pages of history are eloquent with the heroic sacrifices of those who have endured all sorts of punishment and torture and have yielded life itself rather than be false to the truth and the Church of God. There is no redemption of the race except through suffering. Every man who has a message from God in his heart, and who fearlessly delivers this message is bound to stir up the PASSIONS of the SELF-INTERESTED and to bring FURY upon his head.

But the world is not wholly given over to the interests of selfishness. In every heart there are two elements, selfishness and love. It is a vital matter as to which has control. Testimony to the truth, while it arouses the hatred of some, calls forth the nobler instincts and aspirations of others. Jesus bears witness to the truth and yields up His life as a measure of His fidelity to truth; a few men are possessed by the same passion to live and bear testimony to what they believe is true. Their apprehension of the realities of life may not be so clear as was that of Jesus, yet their work is the same in kind—they bear witness to the truth and to him who was the truth.

During each successive generation this has been the same; men are blinded by passion of desire; their judgment is obscured by the appeal of the temporary in opposition to the permanent possessions which are gradual attainments, for the fleeting pleasures of the moment. There is so much that

glitters and we have so little time to investigate its REAL value, that no wonder so many of us spend our lives for that which perishes with the using. Life promises so much and satisfies so little.

The human heart yearns for that which will satisfy and longs for the guidance of One who knows the way into a higher and more satisfying experience. Here, brethren is our mission. God has graciously led us into an experience of His love and into the enjoyment of His fellowship. Dimly realized to be sure, yet realized truly; the love of God in our hearts impels us to make it known. To this end have we come into the experience of His love, that we might bear witness to its transforming power. Our witness will be most effective if it is NATURAL and UNSTUDIED; the love of God is best shown in acts coming from a loving heart?

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Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Ola Bryant, Clerk.

Request

Brother Jim Willie of Berea Ky. is called in from preaching on account of the serious illness of his son who is troubled with epilepsy. He requests prayer that Jesus might be crowned King of this terrible disease and that he might be able to continue his work for the dear Lord.

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Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name: Brother J. C. Smith has been here and set the Church of God in order and we are so happy. Pray for us that we may be loyal.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Eugenia Robleheary

Report

We have just closed a meeting here at East Chattanooga, Tenn., and the Lord surely was with us. Praise His good name. Several were saved, about twenty sanctified and eighteen were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Our pastor Brother Leatherwood, and Brother Bryant of Cleveland conducted the meeting.

I am so glad that God is making the Church of God to shine in East Chattanooga. A number were added to the Church of God and thirteen were baptized in water.

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